



## Tuxedo's "Hamilton Connection"

The recent Broadway production of "Hamilton" has brought new attention to one of America's founding fathers, but many local residents are unaware of the fact that his direct descendants lived in the Tuxedo area from the late 1800's until 1970. Two significant American families actually came together in 1894, when William Pierson Hamilton married Juliet Pierpont Morgan, the daughter of financier J. P. Morgan.

The Hamiltons owned almost all of the Eagle Valley portion of southern Tuxedo, and their family included multiple Harvard graduates, war heroes, founders and trustees of major preservation and conservation groups, and recipients of tributes and awards from agencies like the National Park Service. The Hamiltons' local legacy includes the Tuxedo Club Golf Course, St. Elizabeth's Chapel, and Tuxedo Memorial Hospital (now The Promenade at Tuxedo Place).

The Tuxedo Historical Society will host a presentation on this notable family and its role in the life of Tuxedo by Town Historian George Langberg on Sunday June 30 at 3 pm. A lifelong Tuxedo resident, George recently retired from 30 years as pastor of the chapel built in Eagle Valley by William and Juliet in memory of their daughter Elizabeth, who died as a child. He has met and known several of the Hamilton family members and their descendants, and his presentation will include the Hamilton and Morgan lineages as well as personal recollections, family photos, and biographical sketches of "Tuxedo's Hamiltons".

The Tuxedo Historical Society is located at 7 Hospital Road, between Route 17 and Tuxedo Town Hall. Seating is limited so reservations are required - email to [tuxedohistory@gmail.com](mailto:tuxedohistory@gmail.com) or call 845-351-2926. Free to members and a \$5 suggested donation for non-members.